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# **RAPIDLY DEGRADING GFP-FUSION PROTEINS AND METHODS OF USE**

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## **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

### Cross-Reference to Related Application

This application is a continuation in part of U.S. patent  
application Serial Number 09/062,102, filed April 17, 1998.

### Field of the Invention

This invention relates to the field of biochemical assays  
and reagents. More specifically, this invention relates to modified  
fluorescent proteins and to methods for their use.